

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled \_\_\_\_\_  
Shielding assembly

the specification of which

is attached hereto.

(check one)

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as

Application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.

(x) was filed as International application if applicable PCT/AU00/00203 and amended on  
on 17 March 2000  
23 April 2001

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s)	Priority Claimed	
PP 9280      Australia      17 March 1999 (Number)      (Country)      (Day/Month/Year Filed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes      No
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I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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STATUS (37 CFR 1.9 (f) and 1.27 (b)) — INDEPENDENT INVENTOR

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- (x) International patent application PCT/AU00/00203 filed 17 March 2000  
[ ] the specification filed herewith and amended 23 April 2001  
[ ] application serial no. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_  
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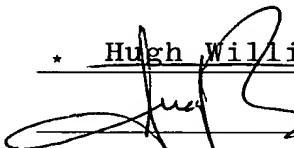
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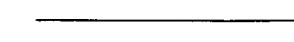
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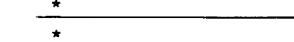
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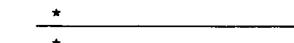
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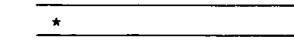
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